



# Portswood Primary School

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Dear Parents

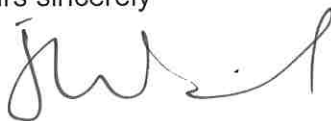
Families of children in Key Stage 1 are already aware of the 'Big Cat' reading scheme that we launched at the beginning of this academic year. Over this half term we have been slowly expanding this and have purchased additional books for the Early Years Foundation Stage and for Years 2, 3 and 4. These are now in classrooms and available for children to read when they hopefully return to school in early March.

I wanted to let you know that we will also shortly be subscribing to the online version of this scheme, which will give children access to the entire library of over 1000 colour-banded Collins books - from wordless books and phonics readers right up to books suitable for children in Years 5 and 6. This will replace our school subscription to Bug Club, which has now expired. The new scheme will still allow us to allocate and track books on each band to both individual children and to groups, and more details regarding how to access it will follow very shortly after half term.

In the meantime, the Oxford Owl scheme remains available and has a selection of books for children of all ages to read online - do refer to our recent letter if you are unsure about how to log in.

As ever, do contact me if you have any questions or would like further information.

Yours sincerely



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